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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently canceled)

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Claim 2 (currently amended): The disposable pull-on undergarment according to Claim 1, ~~2~~
wherein said second elastic members extend substantially along the entire circumference of the leg-
openings exclusive of bonding zones.

Claim ~~3~~ (currently amended): The ~~A~~ disposable pull-on undergarment according to ~~Claim 1~~,
comprising:

front and rear waist regions opposed to each other;

a crotch region extending between said front and rear waist regions;

bonding zones connecting said front and rear waist regions to one another, and extending
along transversely opposite side edge portions of said front and rear waist regions so as to define a
waist-opening having a circumference and a pair of leg-openings each having a circumference;

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first elastic members bonded under tension to a peripheral edge of the waist-opening and being stretchable circumferentially of said first and second waist regions;

second elastic members bonded under tension to peripheral edges of the leg-openings and being stretchable circumferentially of said leg-openings; and

further comprising at least one third elastic member laying below said first elastic members and being stretchable in said circumferential direction of said waist-opening,

said first elastic members extending substantially along the entire circumference of the waist-opening exclusive of bonding zones,

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said at least one third elastic member being attached under tension to at least one of said front and rear waist regions between the peripheral edge of said waist-opening and said peripheral edges of said leg-openings, each of said at least one third elastic members extending substantially along the entire circumference of the waist-opening exclusive of bonding zones.

Claim ³/₄ (currently amended): The disposable pull-on undergarment according to Claim 1, ¹/₂ wherein a peel strength between the front and rear waist regions in said bonding zones is in a range of about 4 to about 40 N with respect to a 25 mm longitudinal dimension of said bonding zone.

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